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COMMITTEE for EDUCATION, SPORT & CULTURE

THE FUTURE STRUCTURE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE BAILIWICK

Letter of Comment from the Policy & Resources Committee on the item lodged by the Committee for Education, Sport and Culture entitled "The Future Structure of Secondary Education in the Bailiwick" (attached)



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Dear Sir

Committee for Education, Sport & Culture: The Future Structure of Secondary Education in the Bailiwick (P.2016/49)

The Committee has become concerned about the uncertainty which has been created in our community as a result of the prolonged discussion and debate on this subject. Members of the Policy & Resources Committee may have differing views about the type of system which should be in place, but are unanimous in supporting the need for the Assembly to make a decision on the matter and then stand by it. Having clarity around this important policy decision will then enable consequential strategies and plans to be developed, resources allocated and families to plan with certainty.

The Committee notes that the policy letter recommends a delay to the implementation of changes should a non-selective system be chosen. Such a delay creates further uncertainty and creates the possibility of the matter becoming one for a new Assembly in 2020. The Policy & Resources Committee therefore believes that once a decision has been made, it will be important to act with reasonable pace to make changes happen.

The policy letter sets out the view of the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture that a selective system should be made up of four small schools whereas a non-selective system could be delivered from three larger establishments. The Policy & Resources Committee recognises that there will be different resource implications attached to each of the options that will need to be considered by the Assembly in detail once a decision on selection has been made.

For the avoidance of doubt, a decision on the future estate cannot be implicit in the policy choice currently being presented, as no resource implications have been included with the policy letter which would enable an informed decision to be made.

Yours faithfully

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Cc: President, Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture